

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Light of the World

2018 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @6:30 p.m.

May the beauty of the sanctuary and the heavenly strains of music prepare our hearts and minds for holy worship.

(**Denotes: Please stand if you are able)

Gathering Music	Barbara Edwards
Welcome	Rev. Gerald Gammon
*Carol #249	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Lighting of the Christ Candle	Wimer family

The Promise

Scripture	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Rev. Gerald Gammon
Choir #241	“Arise, Shine”	<i>Urspringer & Robinson</i>
Carol #245	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (1, 2)	<i>Plainsong</i>

The Announcement

Scripture	Luke 2:8-14	Judy Fabian
Carol #272	“While Shepherds Watch Their Flock” (1, 2, 3, 4)	
Carol #277	“Hark!, the Herald Angels Sing” (1, 3)	

The Adoration

Scripture	Luke 2:15-20	Donny Longworth
Carol #265	“The First Noel” (1, 2)	
Carol #278	“Angels We Have Heard on High” (1, 3)	
Choir	“Come, Adore Him”	<i>Joseph Martin</i>

The Incarnation

Scripture	John 1:1-14	Ron Schoch
Carol #262	“Away in a Manger”	
Carol #250	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	

Christmas Offerings		Rev. Gerald Gammon
Offertory	“Still, Still, Still”	<i>Austrian Melody</i>
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord’s Prayer		

Meditation		Rev. Gerald Gammon
Silent Reflection		
Candle lighting	<i>(Quiet organ music)</i>	
	(Please remember to keep lit candles upright)	

*Carol #253 “Silent Night! Holy Night” (1, 2)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven far; heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

*Benediction
(Extinguished candles may be placed in baskets in rear of sanctuary.)



Merry Christmas and God’s Blessings to All!

Thanks to all of those who purchased poinsettias. Please remember to take your poinsettia (s) home after the service tonight.

- ◆ Irma Allen in memory of husband, Tom Allen
- ◆ Joanne Bode in memory of parents, Herman & Pauline Bode, and aunt Dorothy Bode; in memory of aunt and uncle, Alfred & Jeannette Conklin and cousin Edna Cooper
- ◆ Craig & Sheryl Co
- ◆ Jim & Bev Desavigny in memory of parents.
- ◆ John Drewette in memory of Sue Drewette
- ◆ Junior & Karen Fumerola in memory of our parents; in memory of siblings
- ◆ Judy Fabian in memory of father, Nick Fabian; in memory of sister, Debbie Fabian.
- ◆ Pastor & Marian Gammon in memory of our parents
- ◆ Phil & Diana Graham in memory of our parents
- ◆ Brenda Hibbard in memory of Brian Hibbard
- ◆ John & Becky Kunkel in memory of parents, Dick & Doris Kunkel; in memory of parents, Jim & Jane Jones
- ◆ Dick & Marilyn Leiby in memory of parents
- ◆ Virginia Neff in memory of husband, Gary Neff, and son, Christian Neff and parents, Carl & Mary Ellen Ward
- ◆ Sue Schoch in memory of husband, Bill Schoch
- ◆ Homer & Angie Wiland in memory of our parents
- ◆ John & Debbie Wimer

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards